FIG. 1
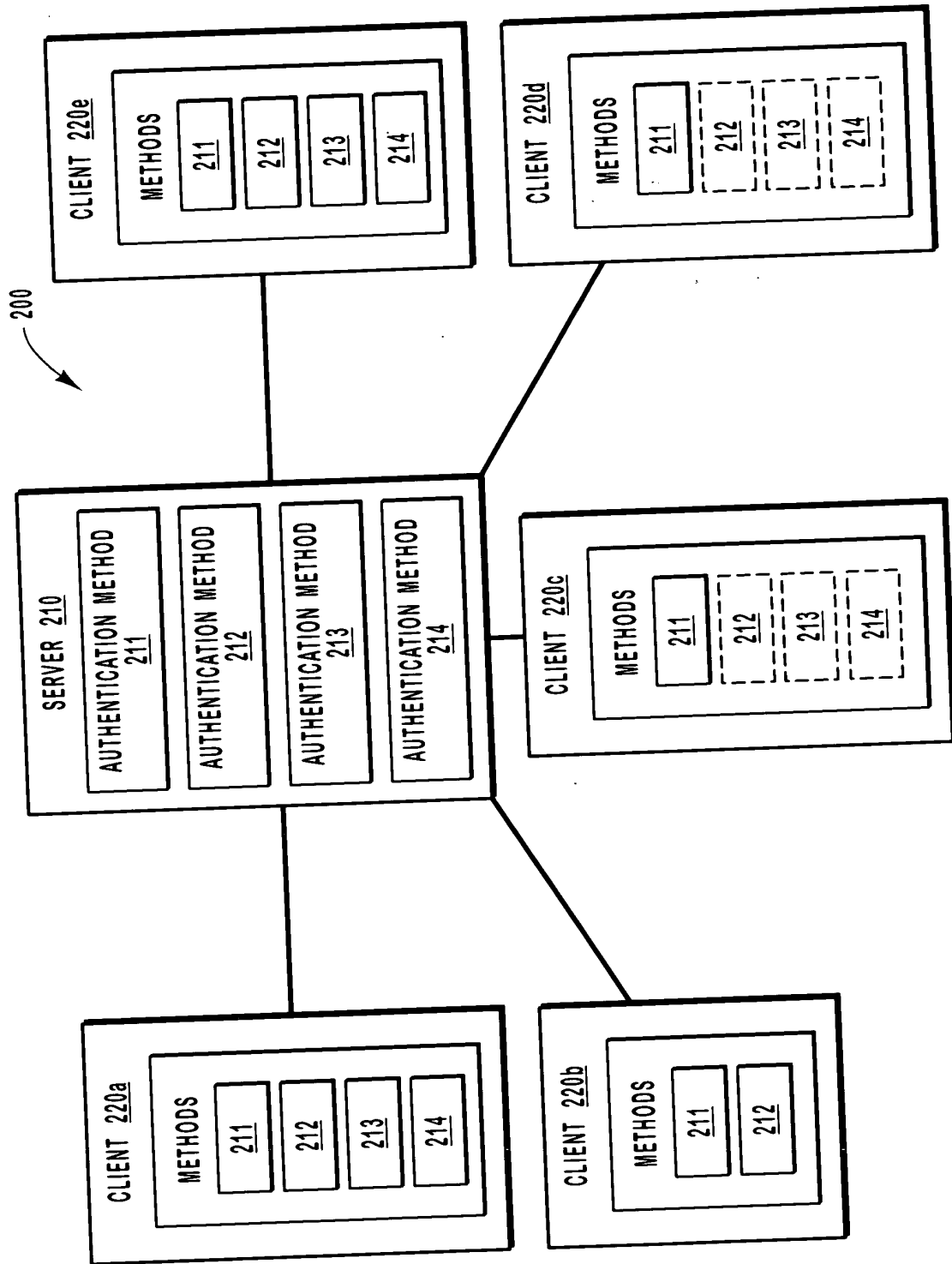
FIG. 2

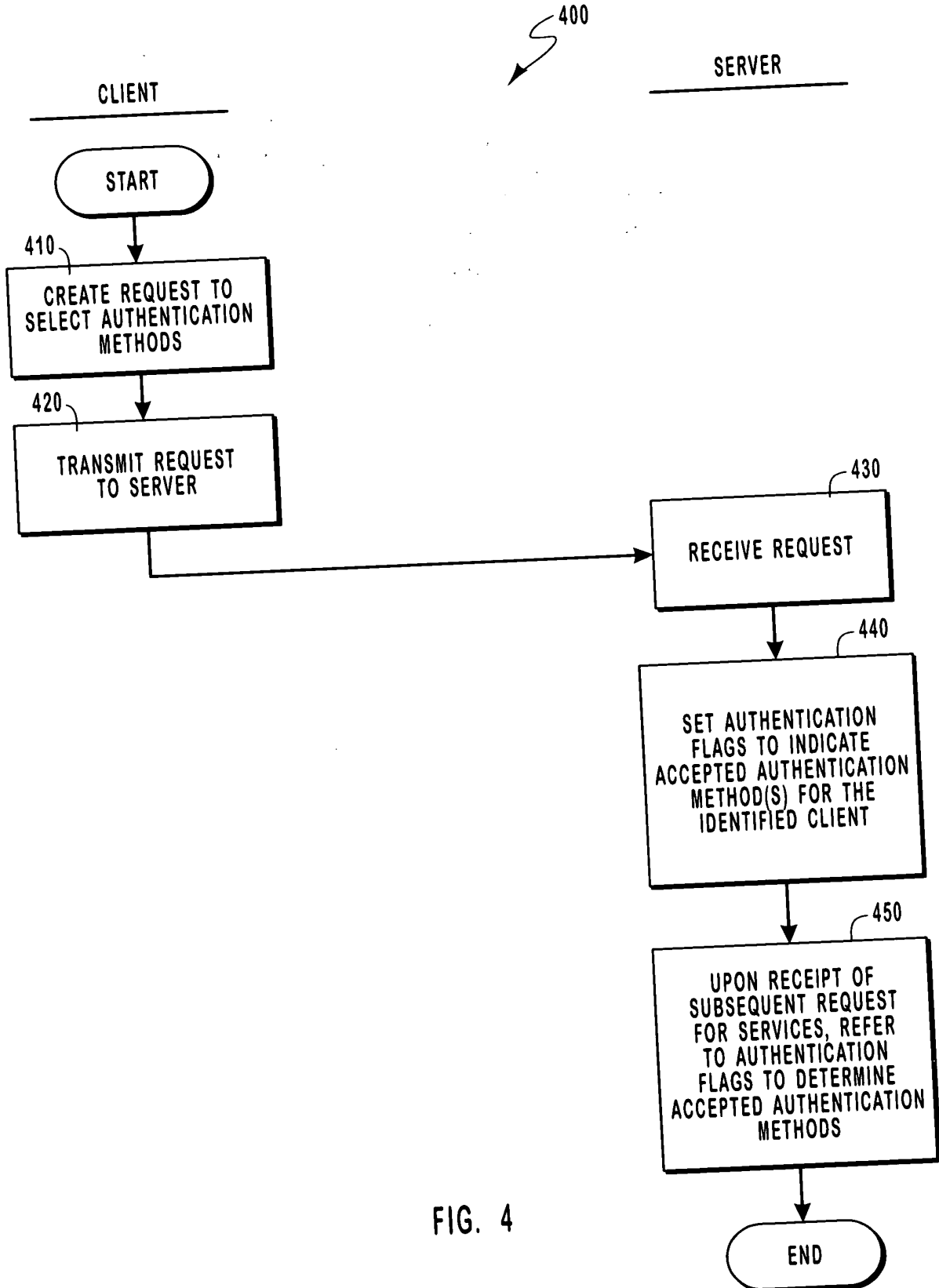| CLIENT IDENTIFICATION FIELD 310	ASSERTION FLAG 321	BASIC HTTP FLAG 322	DIGEST FLAG 323	NTLM FLAG 324
220a			✔	✔
220b			✔	✔
220c	✔			
220d	✔			
220e	✔	✔	✔	✔

300

AUTHENTICATION FIELDS 320

FIG. 3

400
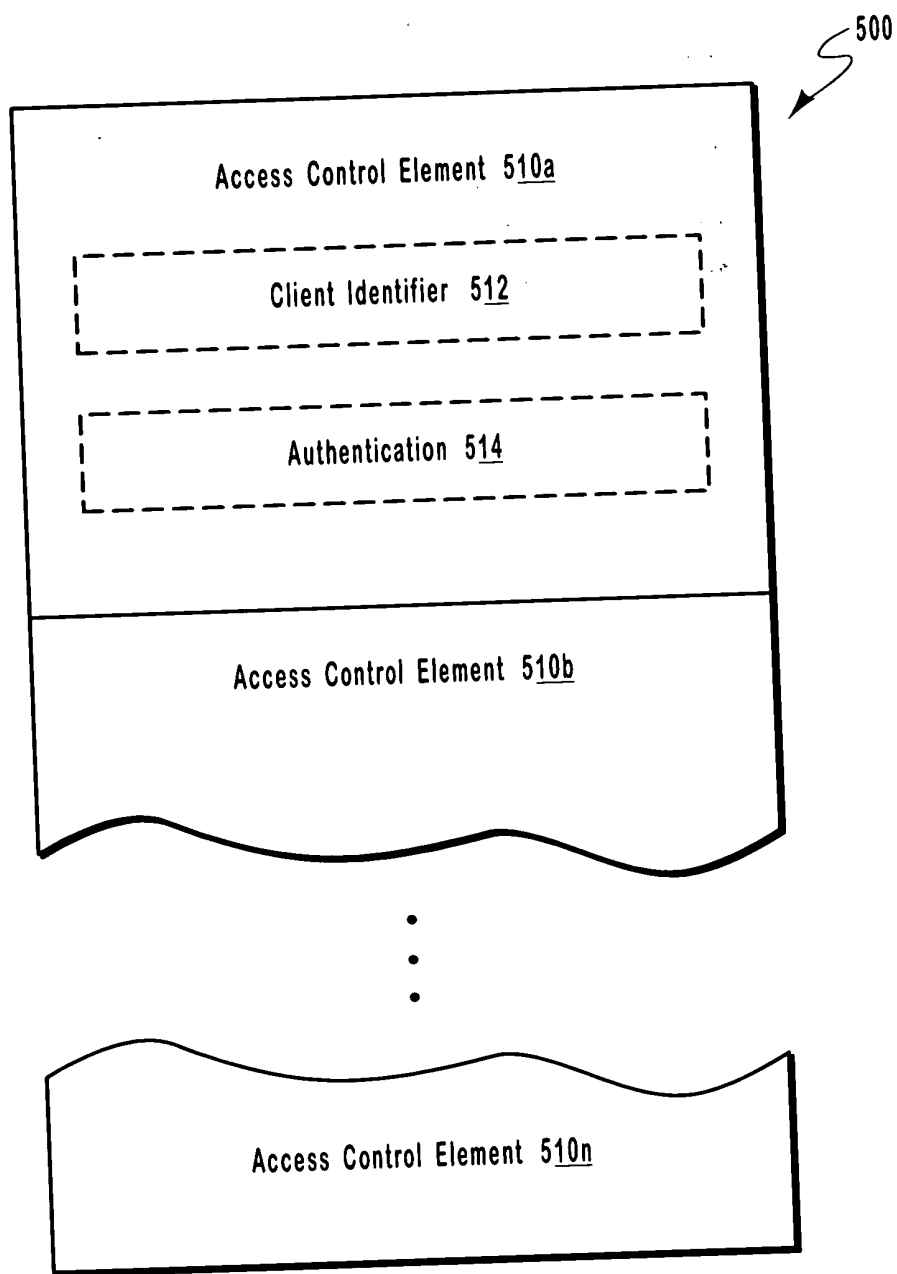
CLIENT

SERVER

START

410
CREATE REQUEST TO
SELECT AUTHENTICATION
METHODS

420
TRANSMIT REQUEST
TO SERVER

430
RECEIVE REQUEST

440
SET AUTHENTICATION
FLAGS TO INDICATE
ACCEPTED AUTHENTICATION
METHOD(S) FOR THE
IDENTIFIED CLIENT

450
UPON RECEIPT OF
SUBSEQUENT REQUEST
FOR SERVICES, REFER
TO AUTHENTICATION
FLAGS TO DETERMINE
ACCEPTED AUTHENTICATION
METHODS

END

FIG. 4

500

Access Control Element 510a

Client Identifier 512

Authentication 514

Access Control Element 510b

Access Control Element 510n

FIG. 5